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| <b>Application No.:</b> 10/817,125                      | <b>Confirmation No.</b> 1507                               |
| <b>Application of:</b> Muhanna, et al.                  | <b>Group Art Unit:</b> 3733                                |
| <b>Filing Date:</b> April 2, 2004                       | <b>Examiner:</b> SWIGER III, James L.                      |
| <b>Title:</b> Ball Jointed Pedicle Screw and Rod System | <b>Docket No.</b> M112 1140.1<br><b>Customer No.</b> 26158 |

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.114 ACCOMPANYING RCE FILING**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

This amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed under 37 CFR 1.114, and is responsive to the Final Office Action of December 6, 2007. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.